

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 23, 2001**

**Members Present:**

Doug DeSanti	Marilyn Price
Patricia Ellis	Jerry Stein
Dr. Kay Lewis	Donald Kenneth Uhles
Bob Lashua	Bill White
Barbara Glickman-Williams	

**Members Absent:**

Dr. Charles A. Finch  
Dr. John Gallagher  
Erica Haller

**BEMS Staff Present:**

Larry Bednarek  
Pete Daniels  
Victor Dominguez  
Dr. Garth Gemar  
Peggy Lahren  
Larry Lorenzen  
Karen Nelson  
Susan Nicolas

**Guests Present:**

Janine Anderson  
Chris Black  
Dr. Toni Brophy  
Mark Daily  
James Heskett  
Jim Morgan  
Jim Roeder  
Mark Venuti

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Education Committee was called to order at 9:18 a.m. by Dr. Kay Lewis. A quorum was present.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Marilyn Price and seconded by Jerry Stein to approve the November 17, 2000, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**III. DHS REPORT/INFORMATION**

Victor Dominguez introduced Larry Bednarek as the newest member of the Bureau. Larry is working out of the Central Region.

**IV. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Dr. Kay Lewis started by saying that she and Janine Anderson will be talking with Dona Marie Markley, BEMS Rules Analyst, about the additional curricula that have been approved by the Committee to determine the following:

1. Are they necessary and/or required?
2. If they are necessary/required, are they current and appropriate?
3. Have Dona tell us what has to happen next.

Next, Dr. Lewis announced to the Committee that an Intermediate Curriculum meeting would be held on March 1 at 10:00 a.m. at Phoenix College. Richie Henn, who did the I-course that was the prototype for NHTSA, will be at the meeting.

**V. MEMBERS' REPORTS**

None to report.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Attendance Verification in EMT Courses**

Tabled until next meeting.

**B. Nitro Administration by Intermediates**

Dr. Gemar spoke on the subject. It was determined that this subject was information only and required no action by the Committee.

**C. ASHI**

Dr. Lewis talked about an Advanced Cardiac Life Support course being offered by ASHI. Victor Dominguez reported that the course was reviewed and it was determined to be equivalent to other Advance Cardiac Care courses. Required no action by the Committee.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. "Training Programs' Meeting Re USDOT Paramedic Curriculum"**

**1. 24 hour (Hazmat) First Responder as pre-req, co-req, or imbedded**

A motion was made by Patricia Ellis and seconded by Marilyn Price to have a 24 hour (Hazmat) First Responder course as a pre-req to a paramedic-level training program. Motion carried. (Vote: 5 - Yes, 1 - Abstention)

**2. An English Course: pre-req or front loaded**

A motion was made by Jerry Stein to have this as a pre-req. There was no second, so the motion failed. Per a request from Mark Venuti, this item tabled until next meeting.

**3. Minimum numbers of hours for course content/curriculum and program shall be competency based**

Motion by Patricia Ellis, seconded by Barbara Glickman-Williams, for the paramedic training program curriculum to go to competency based. Motion carried.

**B. Refresher Curriculum for Paramedics**

A motion was made by Barbara Glickman-Williams, seconded by Jerry Stein, that individuals who are nationally registered paramedics coming into the State be accepted into employment pending certification by the Bureau with the burden of any skills be the validation by the employing agency. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Patricia Ellis and seconded by Barbara Glickman-Williams to accept the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's

(NHTSA) National Guidelines for EMT-Paramedic and EMT-Intermediate Continuing Education document as a template for refresher programs.  
Motion carried.

**C. Distance Learning Refresher Programs**

Since the presenter, Mr. Bratcher, did not show for the meeting, item tabled until next meeting pending we get notification that Mr. Bratcher will be present.

**D. Epinephrine for Cardiac Use by Intermediates**

Dr. Garth Gemar stated that this is covered in the new curriculum and requested that this item be placed on the next meeting's agenda.

**E. Revision of R9-25-305**

A motion was made by Patricia Ellis, seconded by Bob Lashua, to change R9-25-305, R9-25-307 and R9-25-405 where they talk about the description of the qualifications for the Course Manager that, rather than say ACLS instructor status and ACLS provider status, they be rewritten to say Advanced Cardiac Life Support or Emergency Cardiac Care instructor status or provider status. After a discussion ensued, it was determined that R9-25-307 and R9-25-405 had already been amended in the last meeting so the motion was withdrawn.

A motion was made by Patricia Ellis, seconded by Jerry Stein, to delete from R9-25-305 the section "(A)(3)" which states "Have successfully completed a course in advanced cardiac life support within the preceding 24 months and every 24 months thereafter." Motion carried.

**F. Revision of R9-25-307**

It was determined that this was done in the last meeting.

**G. Revision of R9-25-405**

It was determined that this was done in the last meeting.

**H. Revision of R9-25-407**

It was determined that this was done in the last meeting.

**I. Reading Prerequisite**

Reading Prerequisite for EMT-B will be on the next meeting agenda if there is a proposed revision.

A discussion on this item ensued. During the discussion, Dr. Gemar made the following three points:

1. We have to be concerned about public safety first and foremost. If someone from the public needed medical help, that person would probably like to have that EMT or paramedic be proficient in reading and writing.

2. There is a mandatory 5-year rule review that comes due in either July or September of 2002. That means that every rule that we have must be looked at and justified prior to that date. So the Bureau will be looking at all the rules, including the Reading Proficiency rule that may need some work. This would mean that whatever the Committee comes up with in reference to this subject could be very helpful to the Bureau when looking at this rule.
3. The Bureau, unless there is a clear public safety issue to the contrary, is stuck enforcing these rules as they read. So there was no choice in the matter but to bring an administrative action against the training program that broke this rule.

Dr. Lewis requested that if anyone has a suggestion for rewriting R9-25-308(C), please submit their suggestion to her in plenty of time to get it out to the other Committee members so they can study it before the next meeting in May.

**J. Requirements for Using AHA Guidelines**

This item was for information only. Dr. Lewis told the Committee that the National Association of EMS Educators along with the National EMT Group as well as the National Emergency Physician Group are working on an alternative course which will be coming out in July. Mosby will be publishing the text. It will be an alternative to the AHA-owned course. It will also be less expensive than the AHA course.

**VIII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

- A. Barbara Glickman-Williams requested that when a new Inter-facility Drug Monitoring List is sent out, if new conditions are added to the list, the Bureau also send out the associated drug profiles with the list. Dr. Gemar stated that this will happen in future mailouts.
- B. Jim Heskett asked if the Bureau could put the drug profiles on the Bureau's Web site. Dr. Gemar thought this was a good suggestion but the Bureau would need to make sure that the drug profiles were all up-to-date before they were put on the Web site.
- C. There was a discussion on a training curriculum for HAZMAT paramedics.
- D. Janine Anderson asked for the curriculum on Sternal Intraosseous Infusion to be placed on the next meeting's agenda because of inconsistencies in the curriculum that need correction. Janine said she will put together a packet on the subject for distribution to the Committee.
- E. Dr. Lewis spoke on the use of LMA as a substitute for Combitube and requested the training of EMT-Basics in the use of LMA be put on the next meeting's agenda.

- F. Dr. Gemar requested that looking at a curriculum on the use of Nalmefene be placed on the next meeting's agenda.

**IX. NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Education Committee is scheduled for May 18, 2001, at 9:00 a.m.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Patricia Ellis motioned for adjournment with a second by Doug DeSanti.  
Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Approved by Education Committee on 5/18/01